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American Red Cross Shelters Open to Assist During Flooding

LANSING, MICH. The American Red Cross is responding to historic flooding in Midland and surrounding areas. Shelters are open to safely house residents that have evacuated their homes acting on orders from local emergency management and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Area residents who are evacuated from their homes are welcomed at the following locations:

Coleman High School 4951 N. Lewis Road Coleman, MI 48618

Midland High School 1301 Eastlawn Drive Midland, MI 48642

Bullock Creek High School 1420 S. Badour Road Midland, MI 48640

Swan Valley High School 8380 Ohern Road Saginaw, MI 48609 North Midland Family Center 2601 E. Shearer Road Midland, MI 48642

West Midland Family Center 4011 W. Isabella Road Shepherd, MI 48883

Freeland High School 8250 Webster Road Freeland, MI 48623

Hemlock High School 733 N. Hemlock Road Hemlock, MI 48626

Other communities being served include Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Ogemaw, and Saginaw counties, where Red Cross teams are in the field surveying damaged homes and working with local emergency management to assess the impact of the flooding and additional needs in the affected communities.

"Our hearts are with the residents in the Midland area. Every person who needs a Red Cross service this week and, in the months to follow, will receive the help they need," said Mary Lynn Foster, Chief Executive Officer of the Red Cross Michigan Region. "We want everyone to know that the Red Cross has implemented additional safety and social distancing requirements to help keep people protected." Red Cross continues to work with local public health officials as COVID-19 restrictions are maintained.

Members of the public seeking service or volunteer opportunities are encouraged contact 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or http://www.redcross.org.

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